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MEETING MAY 21-22

1. SUMMARY. INFORMATIVE REVIEW AND DEBATE OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES' LEGAL POSITIONS ON COLLECTION AND SUBMISSION TO THE IEA OF COMPANY DATA IN A DISAGGREGATED FORM HIGHLIGHTED AND CONSUMED BULK OF SOM MEETING. CONSULTATION WITH EXXON ON FUTURE ENERGY SUPPLY/DEMAND BALANCE, PARTICIPATION NEGOTIATIONS, AND ECONOMICS OF ARAMCO OPERATION WAS WELL-RECEIVED BY DELEGATES. DECISION ON CRUDE COST REPORTING SYSTEM DEFERRED. END SUMMARY.

2. REVIEW OF LEGAL POSITIONS ON DISAGGREGATION: ROUND TABLE REVIEW OF LEGAL POSITIONS WITH RESPECT TO COLLECTION OF COMPANY DATA BY GOVERNMENTS AND SUBMISSION TO IEA IN AGGREGATED OR DISAGGREGATED FORM REVEALED CONSIDERABLY DIFFERENT PICTURE FROM THAT PRESENTED IN PREVIOUS MEETINGS, AND UNDERLINED WIDE GAP BETWEEN POLITICAL POSITIONS BEING TAKEN BY GOVERNMENTS ON MATTER OF "TRANSPARENCY" AND LEGAL AUTHORITY TO COMPLY WITH LOGICAL EXTENSIONS OF THOSE POSITIONS. TEN COUNTRIES COLLECT COMPANY DATA THROUGH LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY. SEVEN, INCLUDING GERMANY, RELY ON VOLUNTARY COOPERATION. ONLY FIVE (SPAIN, DENMARK, BELGIUM, ITALY AND SWEDEN) CLAIM TO HAVE LEGAL AUTHORITY TO SEND DISAGGREGATED DATA TO THIRD PARTY (E.G., IEA), IN MOST INSTANCES SUBJECT TO FULL RECIPROCITY AND GUARANTEES OF CONFIDENTIALITY. OTHER COUNTRIES, AGAIN INCLUDING GERMANY, WOULD RELY ON VOLUNTARY COOPERATION OF COMPANIES IF DISAGGREGATED DATA REQUIRED BY IEA, ALTHOUGH A NUMBER INDICATED THAT LEGISLATION WOULD BE SOUGHT IF VOLUNTARY COOPERATION NOT RECEIVED. UK SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED THAT ANY AUTHORITY IT MIGHT OBTAIN ON DATA COLLECTION AND SUBMISSION WOULD BE LIMITED BY TERMS OF IEP AGREEMENT. DENMARK PROBABLY IN THE SAME POSITION, WHICH, OF COURSE, IS THAT OF US. COMMENT: REVIEW OF LEGAL POSITIONS PRECIPITATED SOME MORE OR LESS SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE POSITION OF SEVERAL DELEGATIONS. NETHERLANDS NOW TAKES POSITION THAT WHILE IT STILL FAVORS THE SUBMISSION OF COMPANY DATA TO THE IEA SECRETARIAT ON A DISAGGREGATED BASIS, IT DOES NOT FAVOR PASSING ON DATA IN THIS FORM TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GOVERNMENTS. JAPANESE NOW FAVOR SYSTEM BASED ON AGGREGATION WITH PROVISION FOR CONSULTATION BETWEEN PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES TO OBTAIN INDIVIDUAL COMPANY DATA SHOULD THE NEED ARISE. CHAIRMAN HOPPER IN SUMMING UP NOTED ASCERTAINMENTALLY THAT SOME COUNTRIES WANT OTHER COUNTRIES' DATA, PARTICULARLY THAT OF THE US, BUT ARE NOT WILLING TO SUPPLY THEIR OWN. HOPPER WILL ATTEMPT TO RECORD VARIOUS COUNTRY VIEWS AND CIRCULATE BY MID-JUNE

SO THAT AN ACCURATE SUMMARY MAY BE PRESENTED TO JUNE GB
MEETING AT WHICH ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO RESOLVE ISSUE.

3. CRUDE COST REPORTING SYSTEM: DEBATE ON CRUDE COST
REPORTING SYSTEM TOOK PLACE AT END OF MEETING, WITH
CHAIRMAN AND SOME OTHERS TIRED AND SHORT-TEMPERED. SOME
DELS RAISED FUNDAMENTAL POINTS FOR THE FIRST TIME,
THOUGH THERE HAD BEEN AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO OVER
MANY MONTHS. JAPANESE REP TOYONAGA, PRESENT FOR FIRST
TIME AT AN SOM MEETING, GAVE LONG LECTURE ON PAST
INIQUITIES OF OIL COMPANIES AND NEED FOR "TRANSPARENCY"
TO PANEL OF INDUSTRY WORKING PARTY PRESENT TO ASSIST
SOM. (HOPPER ROUNDLY CHASTISED HIM AFTER THE MEETING
FOR BEING NON-CONSTRUCTIVE AND UNPREPARED ON POINTS TO
BE DECIDED.)

4. US DEL QUESTIONED PROPOSAL FOR INITIAL COST DATA

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INDEFINITE PERIOD US AND NO OTHER COUNTRY WOULD SUBMIT
DATA. HE SAID US WOULD NOT RULE THIS OUT COMPLETELY,
BUT THAT THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THIS APPROACH WOULD HAVE
TO BE DEMONSTRATED. AS CHAIRMAN POINTED OUT, CRUCIAL
DIFFICULTY DERIVED FROM POSITION GERMAN DEL, WHO WAS
UNWILLING TO SEEK VOLUNTARY COOPERATION OF SINGLE GERMAN
COMPANY WITH REPORTING RESPONSIBILITY TO PERMIT AGGREGA-
TION BY SECRETARIAT OF ITS DATA UNLESS US OBTAINED LEGAL
AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT INDIVIDUAL COMPANY DATA FOR SAME
PURPOSE IN ALL THE RELATIVELY RARE INSTANCES IT WOULD BE
NECESSARY. SECRETARIAT AND SEVERAL DELS PRIVATELY
EXPRESSED VIEW GERMANS STALLING UNTIL GB DISCUSSION OF
WHOLE AGGREGATION ISSUE. IN LIGHT OF THIS, THE LATE
HOUR, AND THE ADDITIONAL POINTS THAT HAD BEEN RAISED,
DECISION ON IMPLEMENTATION CRUDE COST REPORTING SYSTEM
POSTPONED.

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